

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended): A closure[[,]] for a bottle, the bottle having a body and a neck, the neck extending along a longitudinal axis and having an inner surface, an outer surface and a flat top, the closure comprising: a pourer body fixed axially and angularly to the bottle neck, extending axially along said outer surface of the bottle neck and being provided with a bottom edge; a cap having a skirt which is screwed onto the pourer body; a sleeve having an outer surface and composed of at least two separate portions extending around the bottle neck; and a tubular appendix axially connected to said skirt of the cap, said tubular appendix extending around said sleeve and covering the outer surface of said sleeve and keeping ~~in order to keep~~ the at least two portions circumferentially adjacent to each other before the cap is removed from the pourer body, and to allow the at least two portions of the sleeve to fall away from the bottle neck when the cap is removed from the pourer body.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A closure according to claim 10, wherein an annular space is provided between said tubular appendix and said pourer body, said annular space extending axially above said sleeve.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A closure according to claim 11, including a ring

positioned inside said annular space, said ring being axially connected to the portions of said sleeve by means of a line of weakening.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A closure according to claim 12, wherein said ring is force fit into said annular space.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A closure according the claim 10, wherein said pourer body is provided, near said bottom edge, with an outwardly radially extending shoulder forming a first axial abutment and said tubular appendix of the cap skirt is provided with an inwardly radially extending shoulder forming a second axial abutment, the first and second axial abutments facing each other.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A closure according to claim 14, wherein the first and second axial abutments are positioned on a same plane transverse to said longitudinal axis.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A closure according to claim 15, wherein said tubular appendix of the cap skirt is transparent and the sleeve is brightly colored.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A closure according to claim 16, wherein visible marks are carried by the sleeve.